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Success Presented at 2008 Western RC&D Conference

At the 2008 Western RC&D Conference in Las Cruces, NM, Avis Light presented on the strategic planning effort for the Confederated Tribes of The Goshute Reservation (CTGR). The facilitation and coordination of the strategic planning effort is a success story for everyone involved, particularly the CTGR.

developing the strategic plan and the creation of the economic, community, and natural resources committees. She finished by focusing on the future and the many opportunities that await the CTGR as a result of the strategic

planning effort.

Avis Light presenting at the 2008 Western RC&D Conference



Avis discussed the history of the Goshute Tribes, barriers they face to development and progress, and outlined the goals that were set by the planning team, such as, "creating an environment that will provide sufficient employment and business opportunities for [members of the tribe]." She then took the audience through the process of de-

Calendar of Events:

Green Infrastructure Workshop:
May 5 to 9, 2008 at Radison Hotel, 215 West South Temple. Contact Val John Halford at 801-969-4250 for more information

Great Salt Lake RC&D Council Meeting: May 16th at UACD (6782 South 1300 East) at 10am

Fostering Sustainable Behavior:
<http://www.sustainability.utah.edu/dmmworkshop.htm>

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Consolidation of USDA Offices Complete

The Murray Field Office officially closed its doors in January 2008 during a consolidation with the Toole USDA Service Center. District Conservationist Cindy Burton is currently working out of the Toole Service Center and will carry out her responsibilities for both Salt Lake and Toole counties from there. The Great Salt Lake Resource Conservation and Development office has been moved to the NRCS State Office in the Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building in downtown Salt Lake City. Jeff Williams, GSL RC&D Coordinator, and Ray Grow, Soil Scientist, have relocated to this site.

The Jordan River Blueprint

The Jordan River Blueprint is a project headed by Salt Lake County and administered by Envision Utah to oversee the ecological, recreational, economic, and community development of the Jordan River. Workshops are currently being planned in the communities along the river to determine their priorities for development along the Jordan River corridor.

economic development, safety, water quality, natural areas, recreation, and beauty. The questions also ask for relative value to be put on each area of concern. The goal of the workshop is to develop an integrated plan that

balances the needs of the communities against the needs of the Jordan River.

The workshop and associated questionnaire address concerns about



Community Supported Agriculture

Northern Utah has a number of farms who offer community supported agriculture (CSA) programs. A shareholder can buy a share in the farm in the spring and receive farm fresh produce on a weekly basis throughout the summer and early fall. The produce is distributed during a weekly drop at a central location and the shareholder is welcome on the farm to become familiar with the people and methods growing their food.

CSA is a relationship between growers and consumers. The farmer benefits from this arrangement because he has a guaranteed market for his produce and receives payment in the spring when farming costs are highest. The

shareholder has the benefit of supporting a local business, a steady stream of fresh, quality fruits and vegetables, and knowing how and where their produce was grown.

The vegetables available vary depending on the grower, but can include favorites such as carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, and lettuce. The shareholder can also receive more unusual vegetables such as arugula, leeks, kohlrabi, and eggplant. One CSA in Park City even has a flower share that comes with a beautiful bouquet each week. All CSA's offer fresh

produce and many are certified organic farms. More information about the CSA's available in Northern Utah can be found at www.slowfoodutah.org/main_csa.html.



Photo Album



The Great Salt Lake in December.



CSA photos from Bell Organics



The Great Salt Lake RC&D Council and Coordinator.

Low Cost Hoop Houses growing spinach in Logan at February Diversified Agriculture Conference.



PRATT opens Bridge

The Parley's Rails, Trails, and Tunnels Coalition (PRATT) completed a milestone in their efforts to build Parley's Trail which will connect the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and the Jordan River Parkway Trail. The completion of the walking/biking bridge over I-215 was celebrated on September 21, 2007. This bridge completes "Parley's Crossing" and connects the Bonneville Shoreline Trail with Parley's Trail. Many people attended the event including representatives from Utah's State Government, Utah Department of Transportation, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, and the Utah Trails and Pathways Program.

The next phase of construction for Parley's Trail includes connecting the bridge to Tanner Park through Parley's Historic Nature Park. A preliminary plan has been drawn up to minimize ecological impact in the nature park. In addition, the final plans and construction documents

for the Draw at Sugarhouse, connecting Sugarhouse Park with the shopping district are in the works and should go out for construction bid in the fall of 2008.



Another segment of Parley's Rails, Trails, and Tunnels trail connected.

Goshutes Visit to Ute Tribe Wildlife Department

Members of the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation Northern Fish and Wildlife Department and the Great Salt Lake RC&D took a field trip to the Ute Tribe Fish and Wildlife Department to observe operations and receive training on managing natural resources on the Ute reservation. The Ute tribe had specialists who spoke about wildlife, fisheries, outdoor recreation, and other topics of interest. The Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation sent members of the Strategic Planning team to find out more. Mary Pete, the strategic planner, hopes to be able to implement some of the methods discussed in their own Fish and Wildlife Department.



The outside the Ute Tribe Fish and Wildlife Department.



Inside the Ute Tribe Fish and Wildlife Department. From left to right: Jeff Williams, Christine Steele, Mary Pete, and Genieve Fields.

The USDA Local Work Groups have been meeting in Weber, Davis and Weber Counties with more scheduled for Tooele and Salt Lake Counties to address natural resource concerns, local fund pool allocations, create ranking questions and establish local commitments for assuring successful conservation on the ground.